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AND FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT

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1. REF. B CONTAINED POST'S NOMINATION OF CHARLES WOODS TO  
PARTICIPATE IN FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT DESCRIBED IN REF. A.

2. DURING A COURTESY CALL I MADE ON FLORENCIO MARIN, THE NEW  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ON JANUARY 10 IN BELMOPAN, THE LATTER  
HANDED ME AN OFFICIAL LETTER ASKING ME IF I COULD ARRANGE TO  
HAVE A QUALIFIED OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE PARTICI-  
PATE IN THE FOOD AND NUTRITION PROJECT. IN THE ENSUING CONVERSA-  
TION, MINISTER MARIN REITERATED HIS REQUEST. HE WAS AWARE OF  
(AND SEEMED ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT) THE NOMINATION OF MR. WOODS, BUT  
EMPHASIZED HIS INTEREST IN HAVING A NOMINEE FROM HIS MINISTRY.  
I AGREED TO SEE WHAT I COULD DO. SUBSEQUENTLY, I HAD HIS OFFICE  
NOTIFIED THAT WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW THE IDENTITY AND QUALIFICA-  
TIONS OF THE PROPOSED SECOND NOMINEE.

3. YESTERDAY, MARIN RETURNED MY CALL AND BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT  
AGAIN, PROVIDING US WITH THE INFORMATION WE HAD REQUESTED.

4. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL NOMINEE IS PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICER  
ALBERTO NAVARETTE, A YOUNG (MID-THIRTIES), HIGH RANKING CIVIL  
SERVANT WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN ALL PHASES OF AGRICULTURE DE-  
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VELOPMENT, WHO, ACCORDING TO MARIN, WILL BECOME CHIEF AGRICULTURE

OFFICER WHEN THE INCUMBENT RETIRES IN THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO.  
NAVARETTE HAS B.S. IN AGRICULTURE FROM UBC AND AN MS IN TROPICAL  
AGRICULTURE FROM REDDING UNIVERSITY, U.K. FULL BIODATA ON CANDI-  
DATE WILL FOLLOW.

5. EVEN PRIOR TO RECEIVING ABOVE REQUEST WE HAD DECIDED TO MAKE  
CHANGES IN OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM. THE REDUCED COST EFFECTED  
THEREBY SHOULD PERMIT US TO DEFRAY COST OF TWO PARTICIPANTS IN  
FOOD/NUTRITION PROJECT. FOLLOWING IS THE REVISED ALLOCATION OF  
DOLS 12,094 REMAINING IN FY 1975 CU FUNDS WE PROPOSE:

A. FUND TWO GOB AGRICULTURE/NUTRITION SPECIALISTS TO MULTI-  
REGIONAL PROJECT OF FOOD AND NUTRITION, APRIL 20 - MAY 19, 1975.  
ESTIMATED COST: 2,200 U.S. DOLLARS APIECE.

B. FUND THREE OR FOUR TEACHERS WITH CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FOUR TO SIX WEEK CONCENTRATED PROGRAM IN  
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AT A U.S. UNIVERSITY IN SUPPORT OF FOUR  
YEAR GOB-MICHIGAN PARTNERS PROJECT TO IMPROVE CURRICULUM MATERI-  
ALS. POST FEELS THIS PROJECT IS MORE RESPONSIVE THAN "TRADITIONAL  
SIX MONTH TEACHER DEVELOPMENT GRANTS" TO CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN  
STATE 2257, PARTICULARLY PARAGRAPH 11, AND TO THE EDUCATIONAL DE-  
VELOPMENT NEEDS OF BELIZE. ESTIMATED COST: 1600-2000 U.S.  
DOLLARS APIECE.

6. BECAUSE OF MARIN'S INTEREST, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO APPRISE  
HIM OF OUR AWARD TO THE TWO NOMINEES ASAP. GAWF

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